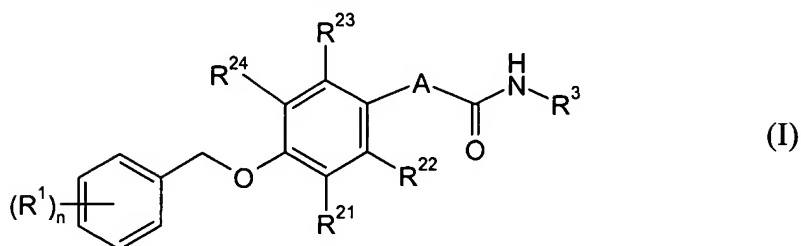


# **CLAIM AMENDMENTS**

1. (Currently Amended) A compound of formula I



wherein

$R^1$  is (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>)-alkyl, halogen, halogen-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)-alkyl, cyano, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)-alkoxy or halogen-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)-alkoxy;

$R^{21}$ ,  $R^{22}$ ,  $R^{23}$  and  $R^{24}$  are each independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and fluoro;

$R^3$  is hydrogen or (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>)-alkyl;

A is selected from



$R^4$  is hydrogen or (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>)-alkyl;

$R^5$ ,  $R^6$  and  $R^7$  are each independently hydrogen or (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)-alkyl; and

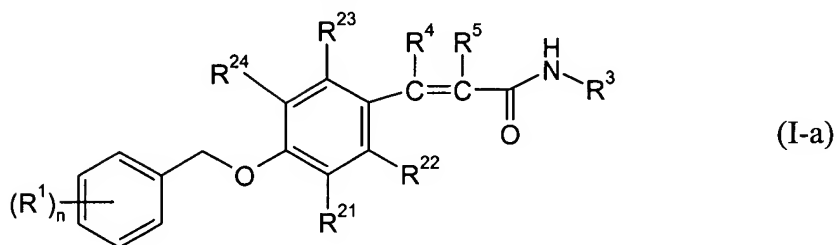
n is 1, 2 or 3;

wherein when n is 2 or 3, each  $R^1$  is the same or different;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

2. (Original) A compound of according to claim 1, wherein n is 1.

3. (Original) A compound according to claim 1, wherein  $R^1$  is halogen or halogen-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)-alkyl.
4. (Original) A compound according to claim 3, wherein  $R^1$  is fluoro or trifluoromethyl.
5. (Original) The compound according to claim 1, wherein  $R^{21}$ ,  $R^{22}$ ,  $R^{23}$  and  $R^{24}$  are hydrogen.
6. (Original) A compound according to claim 1, wherein  $R^3$  is hydrogen.
7. (Original) A compound according to claim 1, wherein  $R^3$  is methyl.
8. (Original) A compound of formula I-a



wherein

$R^1$  is (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>)-alkyl, halogen, halogen-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)-alkyl, cyano, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)-alkoxy or halogen-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)-alkoxy;

$R^{21}$ ,  $R^{22}$ ,  $R^{23}$  and  $R^{24}$  are each independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and fluoro;

$R^3$  is hydrogen or (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>)-alkyl;

$R^4$  and  $R^5$  are each independently hydrogen or  $(C_1-C_3)$ -alkyl; and

$n$  is 1, 2 or 3;

wherein when  $n$  is 2 or 3, each  $R^1$  is the same or different; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

9. (Original) A compound according to claim 8, wherein  $R^3$  is methyl.

10. (Original) A compound according to claim 9, wherein  $R^1$  is fluoro or trifluoromethyl.

11. (Original) A compound according to claim 9, wherein  $R^1$  is  $(C_1-C_3)$ -alkyl or  $(C_1-C_6)$ -alkoxy.

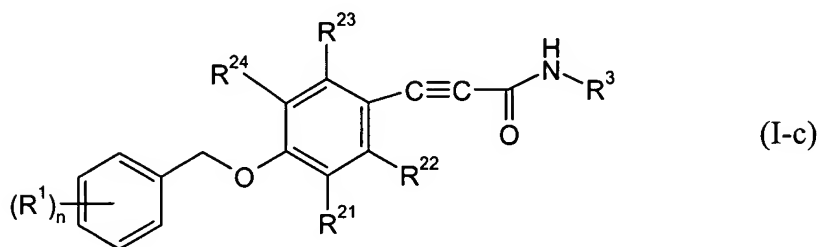
12. (Original) A compound selected from the group consisting of  
N-methyl-3-[4-(4-methyl-benzyloxy)-phenyl]-acrylamide and  
3-[4-(3-methoxy-benzyloxy)-phenyl]-N-methyl-acrylamide.

13. (Original) A compound selected from the group consisting of  
3-[4-(3-fluoro-benzyloxy)-phenyl]-2,N-dimethyl-acrylamide,  
3-[4-(3-fluoro-benzyloxy)-phenyl]-N-methyl-acrylamide,  
N-methyl-3-[4-(4-trifluoromethyl-benzyloxy)-phenyl]-acrylamide,  
3-[4-(3,4-difluoro-benzyloxy)-phenyl]-N-methyl-acrylamide, and  
3-[4-(4-fluoro-benzyloxy)-phenyl]-N-methyl-acrylamide.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Original) A compound selected from the group consisting of  
3-[4-(3-fluoro-benzyloxy)-phenyl]-2,N-dimethyl-propionamide,  
3-[4-(3,4-difluoro-benzyloxy)-phenyl]-propionamide, and  
3-[4-(3-fluoro-benzyloxy)-phenyl]-N-methyl-butyramide.

16. (Original) A compound of formula I-c



wherein

$R^1$  is  $(C_1-C_3)$ -alkyl, halogen, halogen- $(C_1-C_6)$ -alkyl, cyano,  $(C_1-C_6)$ -alkoxy or halogen- $(C_1-C_6)$ -alkoxy;

$R^{21}$ ,  $R^{22}$ ,  $R^{23}$  and  $R^{24}$  are each independently selected from the group consisting of  
hydrogen and fluoro;

$R^3$  is hydrogen or  $(C_1-C_3)$ -alkyl; and

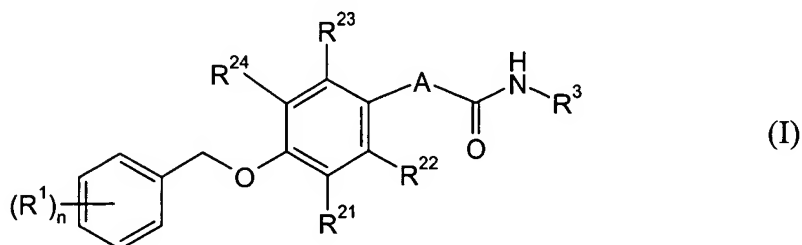
$n$  is 1, 2 or 3;

wherein when  $n$  is 2 or 3, each  $R^1$  is the same or different;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

17. (Original) The compound 3-[4-(3-fluoro-benzyloxy)-phenyl]-propynoic acid methylamide.

18. (Currently Amended) A composition comprising a compound of formula I



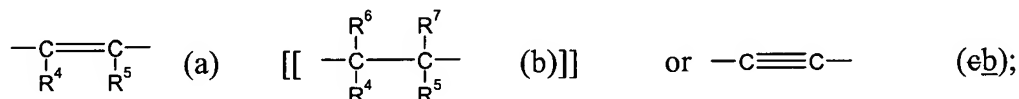
wherein

$R^1$  is  $(C_1-C_3)$ -alkyl, halogen, halogen- $(C_1-C_6)$ -alkyl, cyano,  $(C_1-C_6)$ -alkoxy or halogen- $(C_1-C_6)$ -alkoxy;

$R^{21}$ ,  $R^{22}$ ,  $R^{23}$  and  $R^{24}$  are each independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and fluoro;

$R^3$  is hydrogen or  $(C_1-C_3)$ -alkyl;

A is selected from



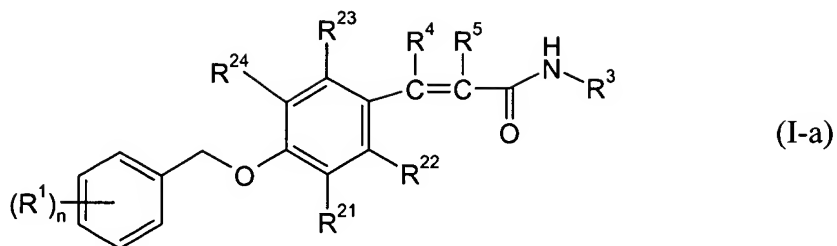
$R^4$  is hydrogen or  $(C_1-C_3)$ -alkyl;

$R^5$ ,  $R^6$  and  $R^7$  are each independently hydrogen or  $(C_1-C_6)$ -alkyl; and

n is 1, 2 or 3; wherein when n is 2 or 3, each  $R^1$  is the same or different;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

19. (Original) A composition according to claim 18, wherein the compound of formula I is a compound of formula I-a



wherein

$R^1$  is (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>)-alkyl, halogen, halogen-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)-alkyl, cyano, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)-alkoxy or halogen-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)-alkoxy;

$R^{21}$ ,  $R^{22}$ ,  $R^{23}$  and  $R^{24}$  are each independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and fluoro;

$R^3$  is hydrogen or (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>)-alkyl;

$R^4$  and  $R^5$  are each independently hydrogen or (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>)-alkyl; and

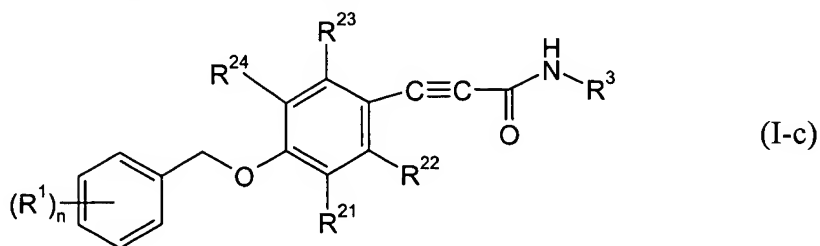
$n$  is 1, 2 or 3;

wherein when  $n$  is 2 or 3, each  $R^1$  is the same or different;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

20. (Canceled)

21. (Original) A composition according to claim 18, wherein the compound of formula I is a compound of formula I-c



wherein

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$R^1$  is (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>)-alkyl, halogen, halogen-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)-alkyl, cyano, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)-alkoxy or halogen-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)-alkoxy;

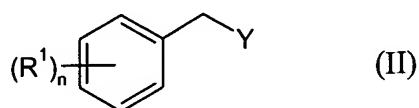
$R^{21}$ ,  $R^{22}$ ,  $R^{23}$  and  $R^{24}$  are each independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and fluoro;

$R^3$  is hydrogen or (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>)-alkyl; and

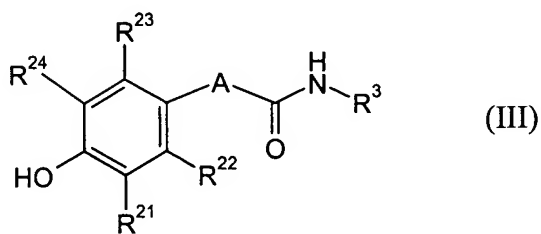
n is 1, 2 or 3;

wherein when n is 2 or 3, each  $R^1$  is the same or different;  
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

22. (Original) A process for the manufacture of a compound of formula I according to claim 1, which process comprises  
a) reacting a compound of formula II

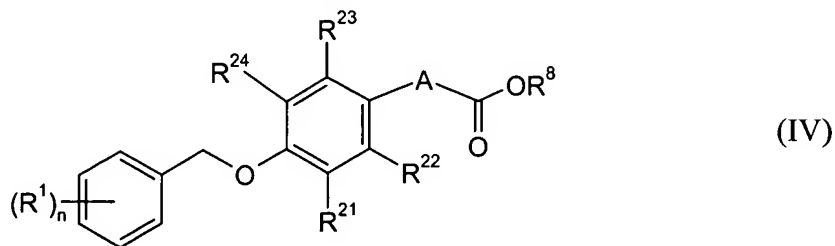


wherein  $R^1$  and n are as defined in claim 1 and Y is a leaving group, with a compound of formula III



wherein  $R^3$ ,  $R^{21}$ ,  $R^{22}$ ,  $R^{23}$ ,  $R^{24}$  and A are as defined in claim 1.

23. (Original) A process for the manufacture of a compound of formula I according to claim 1, which process comprises reacting a compound of formula IV



wherein  $R^1$ ,  $R^{21}$ ,  $R^{22}$ ,  $R^{23}$ ,  $R^{24}$  and  $n$  are as defined in claim 1 and  $R^8$  is hydrogen or  $(C_1-C_6)$ -alkyl,

with an amine of formula V



wherein  $R^3$  is as defined in claim 1.

24. (Canceled)

25. (Canceled)